GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Pesticide Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of pesticide production and consumption in the country during 2015-16 and 2017 to till date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the countries to which pesticides has been exported and the quantum and value of export during the above said period;

(c) whether the Government encourages the farmers by various methods to use limited and correct quantity of pesticides due to its adverse impact on human health and environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): As per the data made available by the Ministry of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, the production of pesticide in 2015-16 and 2016-17 (up to December 2016) is 187522 Metric Tonne (Tech. Grade) and 159594 Metric Tonne (Tech. Grade) respectively. The Ministry of Chemicals and Petrochemicals collects production data from large and medium scale units only. As reported by the States in the Zonal Conference, the details of the consumption of pesticides for the period 2015-16 and 2016-17 (up to February 2017) is at Annexure I.

(b): As per the information received from the Ministry of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, the details for the period 2015-16 and 2016-17 (up to September 2016) are at Annexure II.

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(c) & (d): The Government is implementing "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" through 35 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) of Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage established across the country with an aim to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach . CIPMCs inter alia, produce biological agents for release in the fields, conserve natural bio-control agents, promote bio-pesticides as an alternative to chemical pesticides and advocate judicious and safe use of chemical pesticides as a last resort. These activities are implemented through Farmers Field Schools (FFSs), 2 days and 5 days training programmes and season long training program for State Agriculture Extension officers and NGOs / Private Bodies. A 'Grow Safe Food' campaign has been initiated disseminating message of safe and judicious use of pesticides to farmers and other stakeholders. Package of practices for control of pests and diseases in 87 crops have been revised to include techniques to reduce dependence on chemical pesticides and encourage use of bio-pesticides and other alternative plant protection measures.